

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think that the amendment which the committee has which is essentially now the bill is an excellent one and I think it takes care of and begins to address the problem of both balefills and dumps but let me explain, and I realize that I am talking to a half empty house here on a Friday afternoon when minds are wandering and there are other things of interest, but I think this is rather substantial and I would certainly address my comments to those Senators who reside outside of the metropolitan areas because it affects them. So either they are with me or they are against me. In either case, I would like them to understand what I am saying and then they can discuss this measure because I believe it to be an important one. What I have done with this amendment, the committee amendment has said that they are going to restrict these requirements to first class cities and larger, that being 5,000 population or higher. They see no need, and I can't understand it, but they see no need that the requirements that you have rats running around, that you have a smell, that you have a stench, all of the things that are offensive to the people in Senator Venditte's District are not offensive to the people in these smaller towns, a town with a population of 1,000 or 2,000 people. Now it would seem to me, and the people in Senator Venditte's District, which approximately I would presume you would have a 1,000 people that would be directly affected in that general area, 1,000 people who would be vitally concerned about this bill, and yet you say out in a small town in western Nebraska or a small town, for example, in my area, I certainly have towns that have a population of 1,500, that they could have a landfill, they could have a balefill there where there are rodents running around, where there is an obnoxious smell and yet the state puts no requirements on that. Now to me that is incongruous. If it smells bad in Senator Venditte's District, it is going to smell just as bad in Elkhorn, Nebraska. It is going to smell just as bad in Waterloo, Nebraska. It is going to smell just as bad in any other small town across this state. So if we are truly concerned about the problem of 182 as amended now addresses itself to, then it is a problem that affects all Nebraskans, whether they live in a city with a population of 350,000 or in a village with a population of 350. What this amendment does is say that this bill would apply to all citizens of Nebraska equally. That is why I have inserted the words "village" and that is why I have inserted the words "second class". I would hope that on this busy afternoon some of the members of the Legislature have listened to my comments and that they would support this amendment which I believe is important and fair to all citizens of Nebraska.

PRESIDENT: You want to call previous question. All right. Do I see five seconds? I see five seconds. The question is, shall debate now cease? Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 3 ayes, 13 nays.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: On this quiet afternoon after chastising Senator Lamb this morning, we get the question called on an amendment which we most certainly have serious doubts about. I know that you didn't call for it yourself but I do hope that the people here in this body recognize this